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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 508 - 11090 - 2199 - 145	Date: 5/22/08	Time: 2318	
Location: [redacted] West 133rd Street		City or Station: Compton	
Bureau/Station/Facility: F.O.R. II / Century Station		Admin. Investigation: YES [ ] NO [X]	
Type of Force: Significant / Fractured left cheekbone, sinus wall, and nose.			
Deputy Injury: YES [ ] NO [X]	Suspect Injury YES [X] NO [ ]		
[ ] Call	[X] Observation	[ ] Detail	[ ] Foot Pursuit [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: YES [X] NO [ ]	Person Notified: Lt. Clay Porlier	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out: YES [X] NO [ ]

Involved Employee

E1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Salazar	First Name: Edson	Middle Name: Rene
Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female	Race: H	Unit of Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 214E
Shift: [ ] EM [ ] Day [X] PM	[X] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 11 / Weight: 185
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force [ ] / Significant Force [X]

E2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Rincon	First Name: Joaquin	Middle Name: Carlos
Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female	Race: H	Unit of Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 214E
Shift: [ ] EM [ ] Day [X] PM	[ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 7 / Weight: 180
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force [ ] / Significant Force [X]

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female	Race:	Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Shift: [ ] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM	[ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty	Age:	Height: / Weight:
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force [ ] / Significant Force [ ]

[ ] Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Mitchell	Willette		Sgt.	YES [ ] NO [X]	YES [ ] NO [X]
					YES [ ] NO [ ]	YES [ ] NO [ ]

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Jones	Shawn	E.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Carey	William	T.

William Carey
Watch Commander (**Print Name**) — Watch Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

Dinah L. Grote
Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) — Emp #: [redacted] — Copy Provided to Employee by: — Emp #:

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) — Unit Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO#

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION
508-11090-2199-145

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Ingram	First Name: Otis	Middle Name: William
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Street Address	City	State & Zip Code
☒ Male ☐ Female	B	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Work Phone	Home Phone	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Armed?
[redacted]	[redacted]	43	5' 09	05-28-64	150	☐

Booking #: 1482877 Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 11350 H.S. Criminal History [redacted]

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☒ NO Name: ______ Unit: ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History ☒

By Doctor: Timothy Carman Address: 13100 Studebaker Rd, Norwalk Phone #: (562) 868-3751

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☒ NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness ☐

Suspect Interview

Date: 05-23-08 Time: 0006/0355 Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☒

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Street Address	City	State & Zip Code
☐ Male ☐ Female				

Work Phone	Home Phone	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Armed?
						☐

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: ______ Unit: ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: ______ Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History ☐

By Doctor: ______ Address: ______ Phone #: ______

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness: ☐

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Street Address	City	State & Zip Code
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Work Phone	Home Phone	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Armed?
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Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: ______ Unit ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: ______ Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History ☐

By Doctor: ______ Address: ______ Phone #: ______

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness ☐

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
5 0 8 - 1 1 0 9 0 - 2 1 9 9 - 1 4 5

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle Name	Age 59	D.O.B. [redacted]
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph.	Home Ph. [redacted]
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
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Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

☐ Additional Witness

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Suspect Ingram	S#1	Deputy Salazar	E#1	PH	NN	
Deputy Salazar	E#1	Suspect Ingram	S#1	PH	FR	FA
Deputy Salazar	E#1	Suspect Ingram	S#1	PP	NN	
Suspect Ingram	S#1	Deputy Salazar	E#1	RS	NN	
Deputy Salazar	E#1	Suspect Ingram	S#1	TD	FR/AB	FA/KN
Deputy Rincon	E#2	Suspect Ingram	S#1	RH	NN	

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
USE OF FORCE
(FRACTURED CHEEKBONE, JAW, NOSE, AND SINUS WALL)
IAB #FO2220573

FILE#:	408-11090-2199-145
DATE / TIME:	Thursday, May 22, 2008, 2318 hours
LOCATION:	[redacted] West 133rd Street, Compton, California 90222
SUSPECT:	Otis Ingram, MB/43, Booking #1482877
PERSONNEL:	Deputy Edson Salazar, #[redacted] 214E - Pm's
	Deputy Joaquin Rincon, #[redacted], 214E - Pm's

On May 23, 2008, the Internal Affairs Bureau's Force and Shooting Response Team responded to Century Station in regards to a significant use of force, a fractured jaw. The team consisted of Lieutenant Clay Porlier and Sergeants Dinah Grote and Owen Tong. Ms. Julie Ruhlin of the Office of Independent Review was also advised of the incident.

When investigators arrived at Century Station, they learned that Deputies Edson Salazar and Joaquin Rincon had been involved in a struggle with Suspect Otis Ingram the previous night (May 22, 2008). The struggle resulted in the use of force, in which Suspect Ingram sustained a fractured left cheekbone, sinus wall, and broken nose. The discovery of Suspect Ingram's fracture was not discovered until he was examined by medical staff from Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital in the City of Norwalk in early morning hours on the following day.

USE OF FORCE:

Century Station Deputies, Joaquin Rincon (the driver) and Edson Salazar (book man), was driving in their marked patrol vehicle in the area of 133rd Street and Grandee Street in the City of Compton. They observed a "blacked out" vehicle (1993, red Buick Regal) driving without lights during darkness and the rear license plate did not have an illuminating light, violations of 24250 and 24601 CVC.

Deputy Rincon initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle eastbound on 133rd Street, and illuminated the vehicle with his high beam headlights, spotlights, and his lightbar's overhead light (known as a "takedown light"). The vehicle, driven by Witness [redacted] stopped in the middle of the street, as there was no available space to park her car at the curb due to parked vehicles. Her vehicle was adjacent to parked vehicles facing eastbound on the south curb line.

As Deputy Rincon walked toward the driver's door, Deputy Salazar made contact at the front passengers' door and illuminated the vehicle's interior with his flashlight. Deputy Salazar saw Suspect Otis Ingram sitting in the front passenger seat. After a few seconds, Deputy Salazar saw Suspect Ingram had his right hand cupped with what appeared to be a piece of "rock" cocaine in his palm. Suspect Ingram then tossed the "rock" into his mouth while looking in Deputy Salazar's direction. Deputy Salazar yelled out to Deputy Rincon, "He swallowed. He swallowed," indicating the suspect just swallowed narcotics.

In order to investigate, Deputy Salazar told Suspect Ingram to exit the car, but the suspect continued to sit and look out the car's windshield. Deputy Salazar then opened the passenger's door. In a continuous motion, Suspect Ingram stepped out of the vehicle and into the street. He turned to Deputy Salazar and rapidly punched him three times in the chest area. Deputy Salazar punched Suspect Ingram's face with his left fist, right fist, then again with his left fist, consecutively. This had little effect on Suspect Ingram. Having just witnessed Suspect Ingram's assault on his partner, Deputy Rincon told Witness [redacted] to remove her keys from the ignition and to toss them out of the vehicle.

As Suspect Ingram continued to throw punches, Deputy Salazar stepped to Suspect Ingram's right side and grabbed his right arm. Using his arm as leverage to keep distance between them, Deputy Salazar was able to force Suspect Ingram down to the ground, where they landed on the grass area located between the curb and sidewalk. Suspect Ingram landed face down, with his right knee hitting the grass, followed by his face. Deputy Salazar fell to Suspect Ingram's right side while maintaining a hold of his right arm. The suspect attempted to lift up, so Deputy Salazar sat on Ingram's waist/lower back area and held onto his arms along the sides of Ingram's body.

Deputy Rincon arrived to assist Deputy Salazar just as Salazar took Suspect Ingram to the ground. While Deputy Salazar controlled Suspect Ingram's arms, Deputy Rincon grabbed each hand and handcuffed them without further incident.

Suspect Ingram was transported to Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital in the city of Norwalk for medical treatment. There, it was learned that Ingram sustained a fractured cheekbone, sinus wall, and nose. He had a fractured jaw from a previous event, which showed no new injury.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

SALAZAR, Edson R.
Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
Field Operations - Region II
Century Station - Patrol Deputy

RINCON, Joaquin C.
Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
Field Operations - Region II
Century Station - Patrol Deputy

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

SALAZAR, Edson
Date of Employment: 02-21-2002
Date assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

RINCON, Joaquin
Date of Employment: 09-23-1999
Date assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

INGRAM, Otis William, MB/43, DOB: 05-28-1964, 5'09", 150 pounds. He was arrested at the scene of the incident for Resist/Obstruct a Peace Officer (69 PC), Possession of a Controlled Substance (11350 HS), and Destruction of Evidence (135 PC).

Booking #1482877, CII [redacted] Main # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

Otis Ingram has an extensive criminal background. A check of the CCHRS (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System) revealed that due to size limitations his [redacted] has been truncated. He has been [redacted] Refer to the CCHRS and CII printouts included under the **Miscellaneous Documents** section of the case book.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES:

None.

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:

[redacted] FB/59, DOB: [redacted]

Ms. [redacted] was the driver of the vehicle.

INJURIES:
Suspect Ingram sustained a fractured and swollen left cheekbone (medical terms: Zygoma), a broken nose, a fractured left sinus and nasal wall (medical terms: Lateral Maxillary), swollen upper lip, a superficial scrape on his right knee, and a contusion on his left eyebrow and behind his left ear.

Prior to the use of force by the deputies, Suspect Ingram had his jaw broken on two previous occasions. For further, refer to Suspect Ingram's medical records (**Exhibit C**) and photos of his injuries (**Exhibit D**).

After the incident, Deputy Salazar had soreness and redness to the knuckles on both hands. However, he refused medical treatment and did not have any further injury or complaint of pain.

Deputy Rincon was not injured in this incident.

> **IAB Note:** In the Emergency Room, Sergeant Tong and me, spoke to the Emergency Room Doctor, Timothy Carman, who requested that he not be audio recorded. He stated that Suspect Ingram did not display any signs of being under the influence for either alcohol or narcotics nor did he admit any recent usage to him or staff members. He said a toxicology report was not available because it was not requested upon the initial "ok to book."
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> Dr. Carman stated that Suspect Ingram's left jaw break is an old injury which is still in the healing process. He said there appears to be no new injury to Ingram's jaw, and that the jaw break was not sustained during the incident with deputy personnel. He said Ingram's nose and left cheek bone fracture appear to be consistent with Deputy Salazar's account of force used as well as caused by the fall.
>
> In the Radiology Report, Dr. Russell Keating indicated, "There is a blow out type fracture of the medial wall of the right orbit of indeterminate age. This may be old as I do not see much edema (fluid buildup) in the soft tissues in this area." Refer to Ingram's Medical Record (**Exhibit C**).

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:
There was no physical evidence recovered at the scene.

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:
The scene was not held by the personnel from Century Station, as the Mandatory Notification to IAB was not made until several hours after the incident when they learned of Suspect Ingram's fractured cheekbone and jaw.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:
Deputy Salazar punched Suspect Ingram in the face three times to stop Suspect Ingram from further assault. Deputy Salazar grabbed Suspect Ingram's right arm and forced him to the ground where the suspect struck his knee and face on a grass area. On the ground, Deputy Salazar used his body weight to hold down Suspect Ingram, who was resistive, while maintaining control of his arms.

Deputy Rincon grabbed Suspect Ingram's hands and handcuffed them without further incident.

WEAPONS USED BY THE SUSPECT:
Suspect Ingram punched Deputy Salazar in the chest area three times with his right hand. He continued to swing wildly with his fists and resisted Deputy Salazar's efforts to control him up until being handcuffed by Deputy Rincon.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:
There was no damaged property in this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES:

Investigator's Name:	Detective Steven Nobles #[redacted](Century Station)
Court:	Compton
Applicable Charges:	11350 HS, 69 PC, and 148(A)(1) PC
DA Reject Number:	28155208

On May 27, 2008, Deputy District Attorney Linda Puentes rejected the case due to a "request for further investigation." She requested to know whether Suspect Ingram made any statements, whether there was a blood test to determine if Suspect Ingram ingested cocaine, and whether there were any injuries to deputies. Refer to the copy of the DA's case reject form, presented as **Exhibit E**.

> **IAB Note**: I spoke to Detective Steven Nobles who stated the deputies told him "no" to the above District Attorney questions, so the case was not filed by the DA. Also, there was no supplemental report written referencing the DA's follow-up questions.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:
It was night time, dark, with some overhead dim street lighting, along with headlights, high beams, and the take down lights from the patrol car.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENTS:

The narrative which follows is a synopsis of Deputy Salazar's and Rincon's IAB interviews. Additional and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the transcript and/or audio recorded interview.

Deputy Edson Salazar was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Dinah Grote and Steve Kim on June 25, 2008, at 1125 hours, at the IAB Commerce office. He was represented by Derald Brenneman from the Law Offices of Green and Shinee.

Deputy Salazar said he was working a Century Station two-deputy, marked patrol car (unit 214E) with Deputy Joaquin Rincon. Deputy Salazar said it was their first time working together and that he was the book man and Deputy Rincon was the driver. He said they discussed tactics at the beginning of their shift because they had not worked together prior to this day. Deputy Rincon was showing Deputy Salazar certain areas in Compton Station's jurisdiction which are known for high narcotic and gang activity, approximately two blocks south of Century Station's jurisdiction.

While patrolling the area of 133rd Street and Grandee Avenue in the city of Compton, they observed a "blacked out" a vehicle traveling eastbound in front of them to be driving without headlights during hours of darkness. Also, they noticed the vehicle did not have an illuminating light on the rear license plate, so they conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle regarding the violations.

The "blacked out" vehicle immediately stopped in the middle of the street because there was no available space to park along the south curbline due to parked vehicles on both the north and south curblines. After illuminating their patrol vehicle's spotlights onto the suspect vehicle, Deputy Rincon walked toward the driver's door as Deputy Salazar approached the front passenger's side door. Standing in the street approximately two feet away from the door, Deputy Salazar illuminated his flashlight into the vehicle's interior and noted the passenger's window was rolled up, and a male Black adult (Suspect Ingram) was sitting in the front seat.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Salazar thought the "blacked out" vehicle could have been a rival gang about to do a drive-by shooting or involved in narcotics activity.

As Deputy Salazar continued to look inside the vehicle, he saw Suspect Ingram's right hand was "cupped," holding what appeared to be a piece of rock cocaine. Suspect Ingram "tossed" the cocaine into his mouth while he looked in Salazar's direction. Deputy Salazar yelled out to Suspect Rincon that the suspect had just "swallowed," to Deputy Salazar, refers to swallowing narcotics.

Deputy Salazar opened the passenger's door to investigate what he had just witnessed. He told the suspect to exit the vehicle, but Suspect Ingram failed to comply. Instead, the suspect looked forward, not saying anything. It appeared to Deputy Salazar that Suspect Ingram had just swallowed the "cocaine" because he saw Ingram's "Adam's apple" gesture

as if he was swallowing.

Seconds later, and simultaneously, Ingram stepped out of the vehicle and faced Deputy Salazar, then violently punched him in his chest three times with his fists, causing Deputy Salazar to drop his flashlight. Due to the close proximity with the suspect, Deputy Salazar said he had no time to remove his Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray as Suspect Ingram continued to swing his fists at Deputy Salazar, missing him. To stop Suspect Ingram's further assault on him, Deputy Salazar punched Suspect Ingram one time using his right fist, and then twice using his left fists, to his face/cheek and nose area. The punches appeared to be ineffective because Suspect Ingram continued to swing his fists at Deputy Salazar, and refused to comply with Deputy Salazar's orders to stop fighting.

Trying to avoid further assault by the suspect's flailing punches, Deputy Salazar stepped to the suspect's right side and grabbed his right arm. Standing in the street between two parked vehicles, Deputy Salazar used the suspect's arm as leverage to keep distance between them, while trying to force Suspect Ingram to the ground. It proved to be difficult, as the suspect wildly flailed his upper body from side to side, then shuffled back and forth in an attempt to pull away from Deputy Salazar's grasp. However, Deputy Salazar held on and was able to overcome the suspect's resistance by forcing the suspect to land face-down on the frontal grass area between the sidewalk and curbline. Deputy Salazar said the suspect did not brace his fall as he landed face first on the grass.

On the ground, Deputy Salazar maintained control of Suspect Ingram's right arm, but Suspect Ingram refused to place his left arm behind his back while attempting to push his body upward with his left arm/hand. Deputy Salazar then straddled Suspect Ingram's waist/lower back area and grabbed the suspect's left arm and after a brief struggle, Deputy Salazar forced Suspect Ingram's left arm behind his back along with his right arm. Deputy Rincon then arrived and handcuffed Suspect Ingram. Deputy Salazar estimated the fight lasted 10 to 15 seconds and he did not witness any other force used by Deputy Rincon.

Throughout the incident, Deputy Salazar stated that Suspect Ingram yelled out numerous profanities at him. After the incident, Deputy Salazar had red, and slightly swollen knuckles to both hands. He said he did not require medical treatment. For further, refer to Deputy Salazar's report (**Exhibit A**) and for his transcripts, refer to the "**Transcriptions**" section of the case book.

Deputy Joaquin Rincon was interviewed on June 25, 2008, at 1203 hours , by IAB Sergeants Dinah Grote and Steve Kim at the IAB Commerce office. He was represented by Derald Brenneman from the Law Offices of Green and Shinee.

Deputy Rincon was working patrol in a marked patrol vehicle along with his partner, Deputy Edson Salazar. Deputy Rincon was the driver and Deputy Salazar was the book man. At the beginning of their shift, he and Deputy Salazar had a general discussion about how they would approach vehicles during traffic stops.

When they saw a vehicle traveling in front of them driving without the lights on, they conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle regarding the traffic violation. Deputy Rincon also said the blacked out vehicle was driving around slowly as if trying to "conceal" itself, not wanting to be detected because of either gang or narcotic activity. Deputy Rincon turned on his overhead red light, take-down light and high beam headlights, and used their spotlights to illuminate the vehicle and its interior. He said there was no tint on the windows.

When Deputy Rincon walked toward the driver's door, he saw that Deputy Salazar was already at the front passenger's door. Deputy Rincon contacted Witness [redacted] and asked for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. While looking inside the vehicle's interior, Deputy Rincon heard Deputy Salazar say, "He swallowed. He swallowed," referring to the front passenger (Suspect Ingram) as having swallowed narcotics. Deputy Rincon was now shifting his eyes between looking at the driver, the vehicle's contents, the suspect, and his partner.

Deputy Rincon said that as Deputy Salazar opened the front passenger's door, Suspect Ingram stepped out and began throwing three to four rapid punches at Deputy Salazar, striking his chest area. He then saw Deputy Salazar punch the suspect in the face. Deputy Rincon turned his attention back to the driver (Witness [redacted]). He told Witness [redacted] to turn off the car engine, and to throw her keys out of the car window or to remove them and place them on the dashboard. He did not recall which, but knows that she complied.

When Deputy Rincon ran to the rear of the vehicle to assist Deputy Salazar, he saw Suspect Ingram swinging his upper body wildly from side to side and moving his legs in what appeared to be an attempt to free himself from Deputy Salazar's grasp, while yelling out profanities. As he rounded the rear portion of the vehicle, Deputy Rincon saw that Deputy Salazar had taken Suspect Ingram to the ground. The suspect landed face-down on the ground/grass area adjacent to the sidewalk. Deputy Salazar was sitting on top of Suspect Ingram, straddling his waist area, while holding the suspect's arms/hands at the suspect's lower back area. As Deputy Rincon stood over the waist area on Suspect Ingram's right side, he grabbed the suspect's hands and handcuffed him without further incident.

Deputy Rincon said he did not put out any emergent radio traffic because he wanted to immediately assist Deputy Salazar, who was on the ground with the suspect. When he rounded the car's bumper, he saw that Deputy Salazar had the suspect under control, so he handcuffed the suspect.

Deputy Rincon said the fight lasted less than 20 seconds. For further, refer to Deputy Rincon's supplemental report (**Exhibit B**) and his transcripts, listed under the "**Transcriptions**" section of the case book.

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS:
The following is a summary of the witness interview conducted by Century Station Sergeant Willette Mitchell on May 22, 2008, at 2358 hours and May 23, 2008, at 0020 hours. Additional information and the precise wording of the statement may be obtained by reviewing the recorded interview or reviewing her transcripts listed under the "**Transcriptions**" section of the case book.

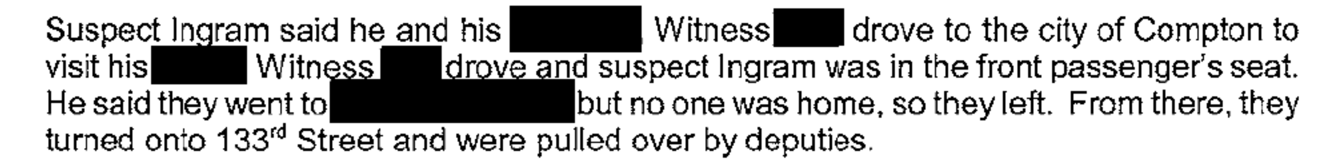
Witness [redacted] said that she was driving her vehicle as her [redacted] Suspect Ingram, sat in the front passenger's seat. She said they specifically went to purchase a "rock" (cocaine) at a location (unknown) on Grandee Street, in the city of Compton. She stayed in the vehicle while Suspect Ingram went inside. When Suspect Ingram returned, and believing that Ingram obtained a "rock," she drove down the street until she saw lights from a patrol car being shined on her from behind.

Ms. [redacted] pulled over but she did not recall if the deputies gave them any verbal orders. She recalled being seated and looking forward out her windshield. As Suspect Ingram sat in the passenger's seat, she said the passenger's side door was opened by a deputy and that the deputy pulled Suspect Ingram out of the car. Ms. [redacted] said fighting began between Suspect Ingram and the deputy (Deputy Salazar) outside her vehicle, but she did not see how it started or see any blows being exchanged. During the fight, Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Ingram ask why he was being hit. She said the fight lasted less than a minute, and that she was removed from her vehicle by a deputy and placed inside a patrol vehicle.

Witness [redacted] has known Suspect Ingram for approximately 10 years and [redacted] She stated that Suspect Ingram broke his jaw on two previous occasions and that he currently has metal plates on both sides of his face which is wired to his jaw. She said Suspect Ingram "mumbles" when he speaks and she is always telling him to speak up.

Ms. [redacted] stated Suspect Ingram is "paranoid" about his face because he has been hit in the mouth so many times. When Ms. [redacted] reaches out to touch him, she said he tells her not to touch him, as he backs away from her. She stated Suspect Ingram is prescribed medications "Paxil" and "Risperdal," which he is supposed to take daily. She did not believe Suspect Ingram had taken his medication that day.

SUSPECT'S STATEMENT
The following is a summary of two suspect interviews. The first interview was conducted in the field on May 23, 2008, at 0006 hours, by Century Station Sergeant Willette Mitchell. Suspect Ingram was later interviewed on May 23, 2008, at 0355 hours, by IAB Sergeants Dinah Grote and Owen Tong at Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital, in the city of Norwalk. Additional information and the precise wording of the statement may be obtained by reviewing the recorded interviews or reviewing Ingram's transcripts listed under the "**Transcriptions**" section of the case book.


Suspect Ingram said he and his [redacted] Witness [redacted] drove to the city of Compton to visit his [redacted] Witness [redacted] drove and suspect Ingram was in the front passenger's seat. He said they went to [redacted] but no one was home, so they left. From there, they turned onto 133rd Street and were pulled over by deputies.

When Deputy Salazar contacted Suspect Ingram, he shined his flashlight in suspect Ingram's face and said, "Hold your hands up and get out." Deputy Salazar opened the passenger's door, grabbed suspect Ingram's jacket at the chest area, and pulled him out of the car.

> **IAB Note:** In Sergeant Mitchell's interview with Suspect Ingram, he said Deputy Salazar never gave him any verbal orders.

Suspect Ingram was told by Deputy Salazar that he (Suspect Ingram) had something in his mouth and had swallowed it. Suspect Ingram told Deputy Salazar that he could barely open his mouth. He said Deputy Salazar started hitting him in his mouth and on the left side of his face, so he raised his right hand up to block Salazar's punches. Suspect Ingram said it was a reaction to protect his face because of his two previous jaw breaks from being robbed. His latest jaw break required his jaw to be wired and it occurred approximately eight months ago. He did not attempt to hit Deputy Salazar. Suspect Ingram only raised his hands when Deputy Salazar started hitting him and he did not try to defend himself against Deputy Salazar.

After being struck in the face four to five times with Deputy Salazar's right fist, Suspect Ingram was forced to the ground by Deputy Salazar. Suspect Ingram landed on the grass with his right knee striking first, followed by the front portion of his face. On the ground, Suspect Ingram attempted to raise his shoulders upward, but he was unsuccessful and handcuffed. Although he could not see behind himself, Suspect Ingram said Deputy Salazar's hands were holding him down, so he was possibly struck in the head by Deputy Salazar's knee, which caused a contusion behind his ear.

Suspect Ingram is taking psychological medications, "Zyprexa and Risperdal," for depression. He stated he has been taking medications "for years" and that he only takes the medications before going to bed. He denied any use of narcotics/drug use.

For further, refer to suspect Ingram's medical records (**Exhibit C**) and photographs of his injuries (**Exhibit D**).

> **IAB Note:** Doctor Carman stated when Suspect Ingram was brought in for treatment, he was not advised by deputy personnel that Ingram had possibly ingested narcotics.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:
Listed below are the prescribed medications Suspect Ingram is taking as defined by WebMD.com:

Zyprexa Oral Uses
This medication is used to treat certain mental/mood conditions (schizophrenia, bipolar mania). It works by helping to restore the balance of certain natural chemicals in the brain (neurotransmitters).

Paxil Oral Uses
Paroxetine is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) used to treat depression, panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and a severe form of premenstrual syndrome (premenstrual dysphoric disorder).

Risperdal Oral Uses
Risperidone is used to treat certain mental/mood disorders (schizophrenia, manic phase of bipolar disorder, irritability associated with autistic disorder). This medication can help you to think clearly and function in daily life. This is a psychiatric medication (antipsychotic-type) that works by helping to restore the balance of certain natural substances in the brain (neurotransmitters).

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FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
DEPUTY EDSON SALAZAR #[redacted]
DEPUTY JOAQUIN RINCON #[redacted]
CENTURY STATION

On May 22, 2008, at around 2318 hours, Deputies Edson Salazar and Joaquin Rincon used force to overcome the resistance of Suspect Otis Ingram. Suspect Ingram sustained a fractured left cheekbone, sinus wall, and a broken nose.

Deputies Salazar and Rincon saw a 1993 red Buick Regal traveling without headlights, 24250 V.C. The deputies initiated a traffic stop. Deputy Rincon approached the driver, Ms. [redacted], as Deputy Salazar approached the passenger, Suspect Ingram. As Deputy Salazar neared Suspect Ingram, he saw him swallow what appeared to be rock cocaine. Deputy Salazar directed Suspect Ingram to exit the car.

As Suspect Ingram exited the car, he punched Deputy Salazar. Deputy Salazar grabbed Suspect Ingram's right arm. Using his arm as leverage to keep distance between them, Deputy Salazar forced Suspect Ingram down to the grass on the ground. Suspect Ingram landed face down, with his right knee hitting the grass, followed by his face. Deputy Salazar fell to Suspect Ingram's right side while maintaining a hold of his right arm. Suspect Ingram tried to lift himself up, so Deputy Salazar sat on Ingram's lower back and held his arms along the sides of Ingram's body. Deputy Rincon assisted Deputy Salazar with handcuffing Suspect Ingram.

Suspect Ingram was transported to Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital for medical treatment. Suspect Ingram sustained a fractured cheekbone, sinus wall, and nose. He had a fractured jaw from a previous event, which showed no new injury. Neither deputy was injured in the incident. Ms. [redacted], [redacted], was cited and released at the scene.

On April 30, 2009, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Edson Salazar #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Joaquin Rincon #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

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